

REMARKS

The claims at issue are now 1-16. New claim 15 is supported by page 7 lines 4-10 of the specification and new claim 16 is supported by example 1. It is to be noted that Examples 1 and 2 are identical except that in Example 1 the ZBM-30 zeolite was synthesized with triethylenetetramine as the structuring agent whereas Example 2 the ZBM-30 zeolite was synthesized with hexamethylenetetramine as the structuring agent. A comparison of the two examples C1 and C2 is found in Table 2 at the bottom of page 20 and in the following paragraph where it is explained that Applicants' invention makes it possible to reduce the pour point of the initial charge, in that case a hydrocracking residue, while still obtaining a high viscosity index. Whereas Applicants' improvement may appear to be a minor improvement to those unfamiliar with the highly crowded petroleum refining art, those of ordinary skill in this field would appreciate the meritorious and unobvious advance obtained by Applicants.

Response To Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement between the catalyst composition claims and the process claims, Applicants elect the catalyst composition claims presently 1-6, 15 and 16, and shall respectfully request rejoinder of the non-elected dewaxing process once the claims to the catalyst are found to be allowable and the claims to the dewaxing process are dependent thereon. Attention is respectfully noted that claim 7 is now made dependent on claim 1. As for the other amendments to the claims, they are provided so as to use conventional patent terminology while not intending to limit the scope of the claims in any way.

In view of Applicants' election and the amendments to the claims, an early action on the merits of the application is courteously requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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